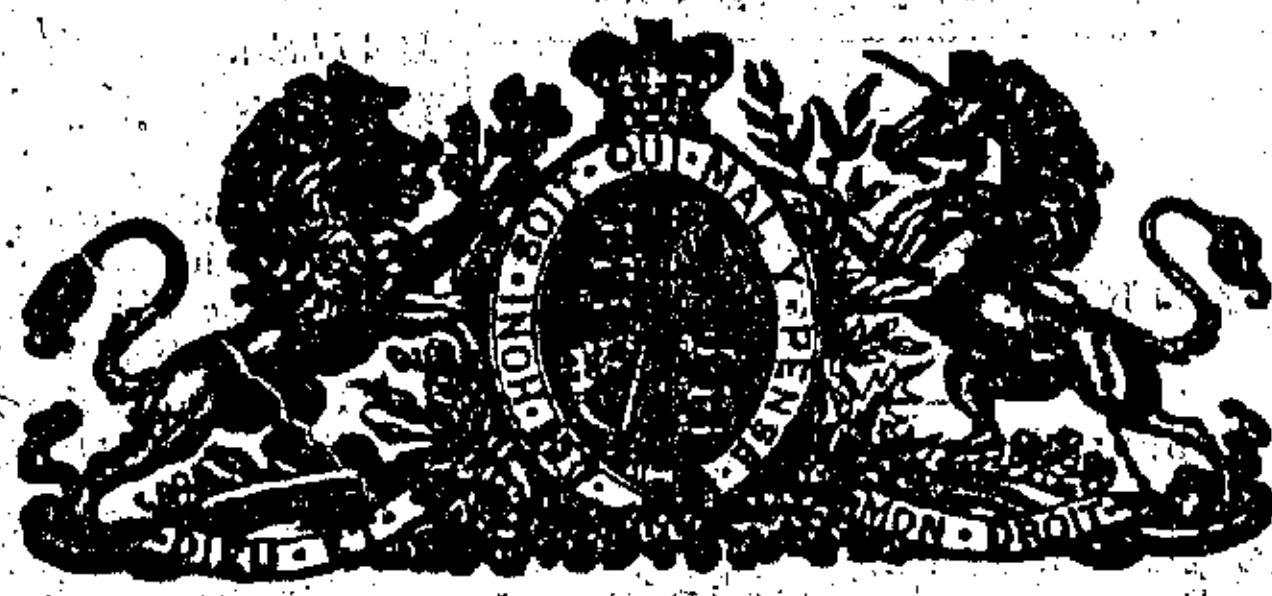


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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,800,000 Dollars.

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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#### HONGKONG.

##### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

##### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 12 " " 5 " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.  
D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,100,000.

#### BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. "  
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#### WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, 91 each.  
China Mail Office.

## For Sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.  
WATERLOO'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.  
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.  
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SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).  
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.  
ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.  
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A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING. EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE. PRESENTATION BOOKS. NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS, by First-class Composers, OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES. Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY. CHATEAU DE FRANCS. (A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.) BRANDIES, GIN, LIQUEURS, &c.

### LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

#### FOR SALE.

COKE, 7.50 per Ton. TAIL, 6s. per Gallon. Apply to GAS WORKS, West Point, Hongkong, March 6, 1879. mal3

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Stg.) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879. mal5

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held to-day.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order, J. BRADLEY SMITH, General Agent.

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 8 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, J. BRADLEY SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, February 14, 1879. mal2

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURCIER and ADETS' CLARETS. CHURCH'S SAFES. WHITEHEAD'S SCOUT. VAN HONDEWYCK'S GIN. FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT. SILVER LIGHT LAMPS. FRENCH JAMS, Confiture de St. James. STARKER'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' DECORATIONS. BAXTER'S CANVAS. KOHNSTAMM'S CHAMPAGNE.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Reg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

#### COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT.

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

#### SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

#### FORWARDING AGENCY.

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

## EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

### THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of Kwong-Su (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,949,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

#### PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI-TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT.

Bonds at the Issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—  
SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.  
" 90 " 15 days after allotment.

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The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878. The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts.

	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....	162,500.00	68,825.81	231,325.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....	162,500.00	68,021.70	230,521.70
3rd " 26th September, 1880.....	162,500.00	58,717.59	221,217.59
4th " 19th March, 1881.....	162,500.00	50,413.48	212,913.48
5th " 12th September, 1881.....	162,500.00	44,109.37	206,609.37
6th " 8th March, 1882.....	162,500.00	37,805.26	200,305.26
7th " 1st September, 1882.....	162,500.00	31,501.15	194,001.15
8th " 25th February, 1883.....	162,500.00	25,197.04	187,697.04
9th " 21st August, 1883.....	162,500.00	18,892.93	181,392.93
10th " 14th February, 1884.....	162,500.00	12,588.82	175,088.82
11th " 9th August, 1884.....	162,500.00	6,284.71	168,784.71
Shanghai Taels.....	1,787,000.00	418,687.89	2,205,687.89

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the Eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents, J. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1879.

## Intimations.

### G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, February 20, 1879. mal20

## Auctions.

### GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

#### FRIDAY,

the 14th March, 1879, at Noon.—An Invoice of ASSORTED PERFUMERY, comprising: Toilet Cream, Lime Juice and Glycerine, Bay-rum, Assorted Scents, Pomatum, Eau de Cologne, Toilet Vinegar, Violet Powder, Tooth Powder, Fluid Magnesia, Brushes, Razors, Puffs and Boxes, Scissors, &c., &c. 20 Coils each Batlines and Seizing Stuff. 5 Coils Galvanised Wire Seizing. 1 Galley Stove.

And,

(For account of the concerned,) The following salvaged from the Wreck of S. S. "Taiwan,"

1 Compass, 2 Chronometers, 1 Anchor Light, 1 Mast-head Light, 1 Brass Nozzle, 1 Barometer, 7 Globe Lamps, 2 Side Lights, 1 Bell, 1 Pump, Carbines, Bayonets, Anchor, Deadlights, Blankets, Pillows, &c., &c., &c.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mrl4

#### LAND AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on

#### SATURDAY,

the 22nd March, at Noon,—INLAND LOT, No. 173, measuring about 57½ Feet by 47 Feet, and having frontages on Wellington, Graham, and Gutzlaff Streets.

There is Room to erect Four Chinese Houses.

The Crown Rent is \$44.51.

The central position of this Lot makes it a most desirable investment.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money on the fall of the hammer, the remainder on completion of the Transfer. Expenses of Transfer to be borne by the Purchaser.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mr22

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

### THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY.

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. S. ASHROFT, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mal14

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australasian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "MENMUIR," Capt. DAZEN, &c., &c., will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal8

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "VENICE," Captain P. L. RHODE, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 5 o'clock Afternoon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mal5

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "HINDOSTAN," Captain F. S. GARDNER, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mal8

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "CHARMER," Captain LUCAS, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "MARY WHITEHEAD," Captain OZLICK, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

### FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Bark "COLOMA," Captain HALL, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, February 13, 1879. mal3

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "MATCHLESS," Captain DAVES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, February 13, 1879. mal3

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "GOLDEN RULE," Lewis, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

### FOR PORTLAND.

The A 1 American Bark "STILLMAN B. ALLEN," Taylor, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

### FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "STRAOATHRO," MILLAR, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, February 18, 1879.

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "BLACK HAWK," Howland, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

### FOR LONDON.

The S/S L.I.I. Norwegian Ship "SUMALIDE," TOLSTEN, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "HAZELHURST," GOWDER, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, January 30, 1879.



## For Sale.

**FOR SALE.**  
**EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.**



SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.  
**VOGEL & Co.,**  
Sole Agents for China.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

## For Sale.

**FOR SALE.**  
**58-160 SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGE" BIOLOLE, quite new. PATENT BEARINGS. PATENT SADDLE. DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRA.**  
Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner leaving Colony.  
Apply to **SAYLE & Co.,**  
Where Machine can be seen.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

**THE Steamship Hindostan, Captain T. S. GARDNER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.**  
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
**DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1879. mal7

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

**THE S. S. Venice** having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal4

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**S. S. AMAZON.**

## NOTICE.

**CONSIGNES** of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-DAY, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**CONSIGNES** of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
**No Fire Insurance** has been effected.  
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
Agent.  
Ex "Ava."  
H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salomon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

**Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."**

**Now Ready.**  
**No. 3.—Vol. VII.**  
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Tame Birds.  
To make a Tui (Antithesis).  
To make a Tui (Antithesis).  
The Army of Kwangtung.  
Gutta Percha in China.  
Chinese Dialects.  
"Confessions, Looking a Horse in the Desert."  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
**China Mail Office,**  
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## Intimations.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**CONTRIBUTING** Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**D. GILLIES,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. ap1  
**HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.**

**GOODS RECEIVED** on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.  
**MEYER & Co.,**  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

## DENTAL NOTICE.

**DR. ROGERS** will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

**F. HUTCHINGS** begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply **BEEF, MUTTON, &c.**, from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.  
SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, **DR. EASTLAKE** will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.  
Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 98.

## CHINA SEA.

**SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG RIVER.**

**WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, showing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.  
An explanatory diagram, showing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.  
To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast-head.  
In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of "feet" will be signalled by a "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast-head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.  
By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,  
**GERALD E. WELLESLEY,**  
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South of North	North of South	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South of North	North of South
10	▲	●	17½	▲	●
10½	▲	●	18	▲	●
11	▲	●	18½	▲	●
11½	▲	●	19	▲	●
12	▲	●	19½	▲	●
12½	▲	●	20	▲	●
13	▲	●	20½	▲	●
13½	▲	●	21	▲	●
14	▲	●	21½	▲	●
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**GEORGE PHILIP DARK (DECEASED).**

**CLAIMS** against the above Estate should be sent in to the Undersigned before the 15th of March.

**H. F. HANCE,**  
Acting Consul.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—**

**BEETHOVEN**, German barque, Capt. R. Baje.—Melchers & Co.  
**WANDERING MINSTREL**, British barque, Capt. Sleewright.—Captain.  
**LARGE**, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Edward Schellhess & Co.  
**NEHEMIAH GIBSON**, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford.—Meyer & Co.  
**CHARISSE**, British barque, Capt. A. I. Winther.—Batterfield & Swire.  
**JOHANN FRIEDRICH**, German brig, Capt. A. H. Kronicke.—Wiesler & Co.  
**GOLDEN FLEECER**, British barque, Capt. James Wilshire.—Gillman & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**HONGKONG ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.**

ORDERLY ROOM, 12th March, 1879.  
MEMBERS are informed that **GUN DRILL PARADES** will take place at the NORTH BARRACKS every MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 5.30 P.M.  
"A" BATTERY on MONDAY.  
"B" BATTERY on THURSDAY.  
The Order is optional for Members of both Batteries.  
Those who have not commenced GUN DRILL and RECRUITS are required to attend both days.  
There will be no Parade on Tuesdays until further orders.

**A. COXON,**  
Captain-Commandant H. K. A. V.  
**FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.**  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO and TIENSIN.)  
The Steamship  
"GLENIFFER,"  
Capt. GRAHAM, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Hongkong, March 12, 1879. mr18

**FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.**  
The Steamship  
"SUOTLAND,"  
Captain ATKINSON, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
Hongkong, March 12, 1879.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A. I. American Bark  
"T. A. GODDARD,"  
Captain SMITH, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
Hongkong, March 12, 1879. ap12

**BRITISH BARQUE GOLDEN FLEECER, FROM CAPE TOWN.**

**THE** above-named Vessel having brought forward the whole of the unpaid portion of the Cargo of the British Barque *Robert Henderson*, from London to Hongkong.—All Consignees of the *Robert Henderson's* Cargo are hereby informed that a General Average Bond which requires their Signature is now lying at our Office.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**GILMAN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1879. mal19

**TO BE LET.**  
On Shamsen—Canton.

**THE SPACIOUS PREMISES** lately occupied by Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., comprising: DWELLING HOUSE, with GODOWNS, TEA and SUEK ROOMS attached.  
For Particulars, apply to  
**EDWARD DAVIS,**  
Canton, March 12, 1879. ap12

## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
March 12, *Pernambuco*, British steamer, 643, Hydo, Saigon March 5, Rice.—MELCHERS & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Mar. 12, *Eve*, for Chefoo.  
12, *Paul Marie*, for Tientsin.  
12, *Conquest*, for Holhow.  
12, *Adria*, for Saigon.  
12, *Egypt*, for Shanghai.  
12, *Yokting*, for Swatow.  
12, *Dale*, for Bangkok.  
12, *Thibet*, for Shanghai.  
12, H.M.S. *Vigilant*, for Canton.  
12, *Black Watch*, for London.

**CLEARED.**  
*Christina A. P.*, for Callao.  
Matchless, for San Francisco.

**PASSENGERS.**  
ARRIVED.  
Per *Pernambuco*, from Saigon, 160 Chinese.

**DEPARTED.**  
Per *Thibet*, for Shanghai, Dr. Waters, and 74 Chinese.  
Per *Conquest*, for Holhow, &c., 26 Chinese.  
Per *Adria*, for Saigon, 170 Chinese.  
Per *Yokting*, for Shanghai, 70 Chinese.  
Per *Yokting*, for Swatow, 152 Chinese.  
Per *Dale*, for Bangkok, 132 Chinese.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
The British steamer *Pernambuco* reports: Strong monsoon to South end of Paracels, thence to port moderate and fresh winds and overcast.

**CARGO.**  
Per American barque *Agate*, sailed 20th February, 1879: For New York, 2,407 bags Camphor, 9,700 rolls Matting, 1,000 bales Hemp, 345 cases Fans, 550 pigs. Preserves, 200 pigs. Gallinets, 76 bales Hides, 25 cases Essential Oil, 11 cases Chinaware, and 5 pigs. Sundries.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**  
MAILS will close:—  
For SWATOW, AMOY, & POOHOOW.—  
For Swatow, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th inst.  
For SHANGHAI and YOKOHAMA.—  
For Gleniffer, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.  
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.—  
For Venice and Hindostan, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th inst.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**  
The British Contract Packet *Geelong*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 16th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

**N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.**

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**  
The United States Mail Packet *Belgic*, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.  
2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. mr17

**MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.**  
The Australian Contract Packet *Memuir*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., with Mails for Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Gallia.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mr18

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
The French Contract Packet *Djennah* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

**HOURS OF CLOSING.**  
THE CONTRACT MAILS.  
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure, —  
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, —  
7 A.M.—Post Office opens.  
10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until  
11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

**Quotations.**  
HONGKONG, March 12, 1879.

**OPUM.**—New Patna, cash, 57½ credit, —  
" Old Patna, cash, — credit, —  
" New Benares, cash, 54½ credit, —  
" Old Benares, cash, — credit, —  
" New Malwa, cash, 800 credit, —  
" Allowance Taela, — credit, —  
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit, 800  
" Allowance Taela, —

**Exchange.**  
Bank, Wire, ... 3/5½  
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/7  
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/7½ a  
Oredite, ... 3/7½  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/7½  
India, Wire, ... 215½  
" demand, ... 220  
Shanghai, demand, ... 73  
" 80 days' sight, ... 109½  
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 109  
Soyce, ... 109  
Gold Leaf, 99½ touch, ... 23.30 c.  
Sovereigns, ... 8.55

**Shares.**  
Hongkong Bank, 42½ prem.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,450  
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,300  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400  
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 715  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$222½  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$760 ex div.  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$169 ex div.  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., par.  
H.K. C. & M. S. Boat Co., 47 dwts.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 16  
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 105  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$80  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$125, ex div.  
Chinese Imperial Loan, £113, cum int.  
Do, of 1877, £110, ex coupon

**Temperatures.**  
(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)  
HONGKONG, March 12, 1879.

**BAROMETER.**—9 A.M. ... 30.050  
Do, 1 P.M. ... 29.980  
Do, 4 P.M. ... 29.900

**TEMPERATURE.**—9 A.M. ... 65  
Do, 1 P.M. ... 68  
Do, 4 P.M. ... 66  
Do, (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 62  
Do, Do, 1 P.M. ... 62  
Do, Do, 4 P.M. ... 63  
Do, Maximum ... 68  
Do, Minimum over night ... 61

## General Memoranda.

**FRIDAY, March 14:—**  
Daylight.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.  
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.  
Goods per *Amazon* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

**SATURDAY, March 15:—**  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.  
Gleniffer leaves for Shanghai, &c.

**MONDAY, March 17:—**  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

**TUESDAY, March 18:—**  
Noon.—Memuir leaves for Singapore, &c.  
3 p.m.—Venice and Hindostan leave for Singapore, &c.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

**SATURDAY, March 22:—**  
Noon.—Sale of Land.  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

**MONDAY, March 24:—**  
8 & 3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Established A.D. 1841.**

**香港大藥房**  
**A. S. WATSON & Co.,**  
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
IMPORTERS  
OF  
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES,  
MANUFACTURERS  
OF  
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla, Water, and other Aerated Waters.  
The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

**THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ISSUE COMMENCED AT 7.50 P.M.**

**BIRTH.**  
On the 12th March, Mosque Street, Mrs W. G. HUMPHREYS, of a Daughter.

**THE CHINA MAIL.**

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1879.

ABOUT five months ago we drew attention to the indefatigable explorations of Mr Cameron, of the China Inland Mission, who had penetrated further into the interior in a North-Westerly direction from P. chow than any other of our known travellers. This gentleman, who was absent some six or seven months on his tour, recently returned, visiting Canton and Hongkong before making a fresh start; and the remarks made by Mr Keswick at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce naturally connect themselves with this and similar exploring expeditions. We expressed a hope, in our last notice of this intrepid and persevering traveller, that he would "find some means of informing the public of the result of his important and praiseworthy efforts." But the questions arise, means whatever, or do they make the slightest attempt, to acquaint themselves upon such matters. The kindred association of Shanghai can show a record on this subject which might well stimulate the rivalry of the Hongkong mercantile community. By metaphorically tapping, as they did, the journals of such celebrated explorers as Baron Richthofen and Mr Cooper, together with those of many Consular and other travellers, the Shanghai Chamber succeeded in eliciting much valuable information before any of the published accounts saw the light. In the absence of the branch of our learned Society amongst us, this department of inquiry appears to have been almost entirely neglected in this Colony. It may be said that the expedition of Mr Michael Moss in 1870, and that of Dr N. B. Denny in 1876, prove that our merchants are not altogether oblivious of the importance of obtaining information regarding trade routes and possible markets. Let all credit be given for these efforts, so far as it can be stretched in their favour; but we need only quote the remarks of Mr Keswick above mentioned to prove the correctness of our insinuation that much more could have been done in this direction than has been as yet accomplished. Mr Keswick said:—

I would remark, however, gentlemen, that I think we have not been active enough hitherto in urging the opening to foreign navigation of the water ways of Kwangtung. While the Yangtze is opened, as far as Johang nothing has been done here; and we are restricted to Canton as much as we were two centuries ago. There are important and populous towns on the various branches of the Canton river with which we should have communication under somewhat similar conditions to those applied to the Yangtze navigation, and we should not cease to urge for extension until what we desire is obtained. It is no narrow or selfish spirit that we should desire to see comfortable, rapid, and safe means of conveyance take the place of the wretched, slow, and dangerous but

travelling that at present exists. The Chinese would be greatly benefited, and with their quick appreciation of what is to their advantage, the labouring and trading classes would accept the change with satisfaction, and this Colony would be rendered still more important and its trade would be increased by the extension of lines of communication with the interior of the neighbouring provinces. We may have to wait long, however, for the realization of what I advocate, for I cannot forget that, notwithstanding the years that have now passed since foreign ministers were admitted to the Capital of China, they are still content to crawl miserably from Tientsin to Peking, taking sometimes as long to accomplish that short journey as in travelling from Shanghai to Tientsin. (Applause.)

It is true that "a point is here very nearly scored against the Foreign Ministers and their painfully deliberate movements diplomatic as well as vehicular; but our immediate object is to give a fillip to the languid interest of the Chamber itself in trade routes and matters generally—on which inertness, by the way, the native officials of Canton province now base one of their chief objections to the issue of transit passes.

Much of the valuable information of a commercial nature collected by Mr Cameron during his recent tour was, we learn, communicated to Mr Piry, the Commissioner of Customs at Pakhoi; and there are therefore strong hopes that the results of the journey will in due time be placed before that portion of the world who study the Customs Reports of Trade. Cameron's outward route lay upwards through the western half of Kwangsi province, including the original Hakka settlements in the north of that province, still upward through the province of Kwei-chow, up to Chung-king in Szechuen province. On his return he made a sweep to the eastward from Kwei-yang to Yunnan, and then, taking an almost direct south-westerly line to Lien-chau ('the city of Pakhoi'), traversed the whole of the south-east side of Kwangsi province. Excepting General Mosny (who has explored more of the eighteen provinces of China than any man living or dead, and who, from his headquarters at Kwei-yang, has already travelled over some portions of the route roughly described), it may safely be said that no European has ever visited the portions of South-Western China recently crossed by Mr Cameron; and from what we have been able to gather by a hurried visit of Mr Cameron, it is more than likely that material modifications will have to be made on the existing maps of that section of the Empire. It is satisfactory to know that the natives were, on the whole, most friendly. No difficulty was experienced by the traveller, except that occasionally he was constrained to make a detour in order to avoid certain towns that were not celebrated for a peaceful spirit; and it is noteworthy that a general feeling prevails that the real and only reason for Cooper's stoppage at Wei-si-foo was the unbearable conduct of his body-servant.

From what we have said it naturally follows that much could be done by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce in this connection, were more encouragements given to men engaged in explorations of the kind here sketched; and there is no reason why men like Cameron, when they happen to come this way, should not be received with some attention, and be called upon to give an account of their travels before a meeting of the members, or at least of the Committee.

The second reverse of the British troops at the Cape—those under General Pearson at Ekowe—would seem to imply that the crafty Zulus were, like the great Napoleon, dealing with the British columns in detail. It is to be hoped that Lord Chelmsford's forces will now be so disposed as to prevent another similar reverse, and that the reinforcements which are destined to put an end to this unsatisfactory state of things will be more effectively answered by a double reverse to our arms in the field than they could possibly be by any discussions in the House or out of it. Englishmen will now unite in the enterprise of bringing Cetewayo on his knees, and of rendering him powerless to do any further harm—so doing thoroughly and completely now what ought to have been done years ago, but for the iniquitous tendency of dealing in half-measures so prevalent at home. Although the loss of life and prestige is to be deplored, an occasional reverse is the only motive power that will serve now-a-days to exhibit the pamper-pamper policy of the peace-at-any-price party at its real value.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

We are requested to state that His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Hennessey will hold a reception at Government House on the evening of Monday next, St. Patrick's Day, from half-past nine till half-past eleven o'clock. Mrs. Hennessey's usual afternoon reception will not take place on that day.

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responding months of 1878, \$10,057.20, thus showing the moderate increase of \$3.12 in favour of this year so far.

We understand that Sir Thomas Wade proposes to leave this for Foochow on Friday morning, we presume, in connection with the Wuh-shih-shan dispute. He will, however, return to Hongkong before proceeding to Peking, and we believe will receive the Chamber of Commerce deputation before his final departure.

Five houses (Nos. 15, 21, 29, 31 and 33 Gilman's Bazaar) were pounced upon last evening by Inspector Corcoran and a party of Police, by virtue of a warrant granted by Captain Deane. No less than forty-three persons were arrested from four out of the five houses indicated; but although the houses were to all intents and purposes fixed up as gambling-dens, there was no direct evidence against any of the prisoners, and they were accordingly discharged by Mr May. There is only one drop of consolation in this failure: and that is, that one or two bad characters were caught. Turnkey Mulgrave identified four of the men as having been in Gaoi before as frequenters of gambling houses; and one for child-stealing once, and again for frequenting a gambling house.

We regret to have to record the sudden death of Angus Currie, P.C. 91, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, who was found drowned in the Harbour near Gibb's Wharf at 3 a.m. to-day. Deceased, who was one of the last batch of arrivals, was sent on duty at midnight on Gibb's Wharf, and was seen to be all right up to about half-past 2 o'clock. The constable in the patrol boat found him drowned at 3 o'clock, having been attracted to the spot by seeing his cape in the water. Currie had his hands in his pockets when he was found, and his bull's-eye was placed in a boat hanging on the davits. It is supposed that the poor fellow must have taken ill and fallen over the sea-wall or the wharf into the water. He was a Good Templar, a very intelligent man, and respectably connected at home. An inquest will take place to-morrow, at 3.30 p.m. at the Hospital.

The fire-bell rang the alarm about ten o'clock last night, and the engines and the brigades were promptly got under way. Eastward they wended their way, the single toll of the Central indicating that the fire was in that direction. But by the time the engines had been dragged as far as the Main Guard, Spring Gardens, intelligence arrived to the effect that the fire was at the top of Nullah Street, by the Wanchai Gap. A stack of dried grass had got ignited, some say by incendiaries, but as it was so placed that it could not burn itself out, the services of the brigades were not required. The value of the stack is fixed by one authority at \$8; and the object of the incendiaries does not appear to be very clear. Great praise must be given to the Police and the Fire Brigades for the extremely prompt manner in which they turned out; also to several Volunteers, who were present. The engines must have been en route a very few minutes after the alarm, for they arrived at the Clock Tower on their return journey about 35 or 40 minutes after 10, having accomplished a long march to Spring Gardens and back.

### Canton.

March 10, 1879.

Referring to our notes of the 17th to 20th ultimo, we are glad to report that the name and responsibility of the younger Houqua has been withdrawn from the new Opium farming guild by a special application to the higher authorities for release; a step that rescues that respectable family name from permanent reproach, whilst it renders a complete collapse of the new scheme probable. General Mesny has left for his post of duty in the interior.

Reverting to our note of the 3rd, we may add, respecting the weather, that the hail-storm which you experienced was also observed in villages North of Canton; as remarkable for the size of the hail-stones; and in some localities so alarming as to recall the dread occasioned by the great Tornado of eleven months ago.

Meantime, an unusual flooding of the river and a peculiar chilliness of the Northern winds latterly indicate continuous heavy rains in the interior. On the morning of the 4th the thermometer stood at 47 deg. within doors, on that of the 6th at 46 deg., on the 6th at 52 deg., on the 7th at 58 deg., since when the cold is more moderate; but not beyond 5 or 6 degrees.

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors to the eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Head Office of the Company at Hongkong on Monday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.:

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the eighth annual

Report of the Company to 31st December, 1878.

The net profits for the year under review, after providing for all claims pending upon known casualties, amount to \$78,733.86, as shown in the annexed statement of accounts, which, according to the Company's Articles of Association, will have to be divided as follows:—

1. To Reserve Fund.....\$26,244.62  
2. As Bonus to Contributors.....\$52,489.24

thus increasing the Reserve Fund to \$100,378.44 and giving a return of 23½ per cent. on contributions, in addition to the 12 per cent. interest to shareholders already paid.

#### MANAGEMENT.

The late General Agents, Messrs. Oliphant & Co., having resigned their office in December last, owing to financial difficulties, it has since been decided in public meeting to have the business of the Company conducted in future by the Board of Directors and Secretary, instead of as heretofore.

#### DIRECTORS.

Mr C. Morland Kerr and Mr J. F. Seaman having left the Colony, Mr D. A. J. Oromb's and Mr T. G. Williamson have been elected in their stead, and their appointment requires confirmation.

#### AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr Henry Smith and Mr L. Hauschild, and the Directors have pleasure in recommending their re-election as auditors for the current year.

WM. REINERS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1879.

### Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

12th March, 1879.

#### ALLEGED ASSAULT.

John Burns Miller, an engineer, appeared to answer a charge of having assaulted a married woman named Mary Snelling, yesterday afternoon. Defendant had been admitted yesterday to bail, having been arrested, instead of being summoned as is usual in such cases.

Mary Snelling, sworn, stated:—About 2 o'clock yesterday, defendant, who has been a lodger in my house for nearly a month, came to take away his boxes. I requested him to wait until my husband returned before he took away the things; but he insisted upon taking them away, and removed his things into the street. I then asked him to pay the money for the rent, and he refused, saying, "I don't intend to pay you any money whatever, but I shall take my goods away in spite of you." I begged of him to wait till my husband returned, but he refused to do so, and used a lot of bad language which I cannot express. I am ashamed to say what it was; my husband, who heard them the second time, may repeat the words. (Here the husband was requested to leave the Court.) I again asked for the rent. This occurred partly on the landing and partly on the stairs. I had been trying to keep the coolies called by defendant from coming in to take the luggage; but they forced their way in past to the top of the stairs, he struck me. I did nothing to him before he struck me; defendant struck me with his fist between the left eye and the cheek (shows a black and swollen mark under the eye). I was knocked down, and then rolled downstairs to the street-door. When I was struck I rolled half-way downstairs, and caught the banisters; defendant then came down and kicked me twice on the side, when I rolled all the way down. I managed to get up and ran into the street, for protection from the defendant. Defendant said, when following me downstairs, "Your husband never beats you, but I'll do for him; I'll murder you; your husband is too good for you." He ran out into the street, and I saw Mr Alabar coming along, from whom I asked protection. Mr Alabar came upstairs with me. Defendant then paid me \$15 for rent, after I had again asked for it: this was the amount due. A policeman then came and arrested the defendant. In the evening, at about 6 o'clock, I was in my bedroom, lying down; my husband came up, and my husband went to meet him. At the door, he again threatened my life, and said he would come every day while I was in the house. He said "She has taken the rent, she has taken my money; and now I'll have her life. She is the biggest prostitute that ever breathed." My husband induced him to go away quietly. I came to Court, although my doctor and the defendant advised me not to do so.

Cross-examined by Mr Denny:—I only took \$15 altogether from the defendant since he had been in the house. Defendant meant that I had taken every cent he had for the rent. I did not charge any one yesterday with assault except the defendant; I made no complaint against my husband yesterday of ill-treatment. That matter has been settled by the Bishop. I have no idea what defendant meant when he said "your husband never beats you, but I will." My husband's affairs have nothing to do with this case. The house is and my husband now live in a private house, not a boarding-house; I pay the rent. We are not in any business. Defendant took the rooms on the last day of the year, but the month would have expired on the 31st of this month. Since I have been ill, since January last, my husband and I occupy different bedrooms.

Witness objected to his Worship should interfere. The matter between herself and her husband had been settled by the Bishop.

Mr Denny said that a great deal had been said about Mr Snelling being the husband of the complainant. Witness had said her house was her husband's, and abusive language was alleged touching the complainant's character as a married woman. She had been called a prostitute, and he felt compelled to state as a fair assumption that she had been acting as one.

Witness demanded that the gentleman (meaning Mr Denny) should prove his statements. The Bishop had arranged all that matter about herself and her husband, and the gentleman had no right to bring that matter into Court. She did not wish to have her husband brought into Court like that.

Mr Denny said that witness had constantly introduced her husband into her story, and he merely wished to test her statements. The house she lived in was her own, or rented by her, and she had no

husband did not live together as man and wife.

Witness said that what was hers was her husband's.

Mr Denny said that she knew perfectly well that was not so; that her property was in the hands of trustees.

His Worship informed the witness that she would have to answer the questions put to her. Mr Denny would note that the assault and the abusive language were separate matters; and that the assault had better be taken first.

Examination continued:—I did not attempt to stop the defendant when he struck me. Defendant did not push me; he struck me. My servants were on the passage; two maids and a cook saw it. Of course I was perfectly sober; I have never been under the influence of drink in my life. (This was said with a deal of surprise and suppressed indignation.)

George William Snelling, sworn, states:—I am husband of the last witness. I know nothing about the affair in the afternoon; but I was in the house in the evening. Defendant came and said, as he had had a right to use them, and the door should be left open for him. I agreed to this, and expressed regret that anything disagreeable should have occurred. Defendant said he wished to get away, and his wife had caught her foot in the stair and fallen down. Defendant said something further; he may have been somewhat in liquor; but he made some other rational remarks (a laugh). He said that my wife was a whore, and that he could prove it. I induced him to go away and not make a disturbance.

Cross-examined by Mr Denny:—As married people we have, we have had little quarrels occasionally, and lately we have not got on well together. I do not know of any complaint made by my wife yesterday, though I know she went to see Judge Smale. Defendant said to me that my wife's foot slipped. The agreement about the house was made directly between Mrs Snelling and the defendant. There were some words between Mrs Snelling and the defendant about the rent; but I had nothing to do with that, as the written agreement was between defendant and Mrs Snelling. The rent was not due, defendant said, until 31st March; but Mrs Snelling was anxious to get it paid before. I said that was all right, but that I had nothing to do with it. I heard that there had been a row in the house afterwards.

Complainant's cook gave evidence in corroboration of the complainant's statement. The only discrepancy was that the kick followed immediately after the blow, and that defendant did not move from his position, i.e. did not come half way downstairs.

An amah, who was next called, proceeded to point out Mr Denny as the man who had kicked her mistress; then, looking round to the complainant (who moved her hand) altered her statement and pointed to the defendant. She also said that the kick was on the left side, while complainant said she had been kicked on the right side. In cross-examination, this witness said that, when complainant fell down, she knocked her face against the door, not against the banisters. She saw no blow given. All this she swore to, as she saw it with her own eyes.

Another amah was called, but she saw nothing except a waving of hands, and heard a noise.

Mr Denny, for the defendant, submitted that complainant had not made out her case: "It had evidently been intended that her story should agree with that told by her cook and amahs, but as a matter of fact they differed very materially. Complainant had said the defendant had come half-way downstairs to kick her, while the story of the cook was that he struck her and kicked her simultaneously on the top of the stairs. These discrepancies were important, as each story was sworn to. The amah, again, said complainant had hurt her head against the street-door, and said nothing whatever about a blow with the fist. He submitted that, after the story told by the complainant, and the untruths she had told in connection with the case, it would be sufficient to bind over the defendant to keep the peace. If defendant had used stronger language than was justified by the circumstances, it ought to be remembered that Mrs Snelling had been many years in the Colony, and as she had kept a public-house for a long term of years, she must have been accustomed by this time to strong language in such a measure as would certainly render the hurt to her feelings much less than she would make his Worship believe.

His Worship admitted that the force used could not have been anything like what the complainant had represented it to be; but defendant evidently did use more force than was necessary. The assault was not a serious one; but, after defendant had cooled down, he went to the house, and, instead of expressing regret for what had occurred, used abusive language. He would fine defendant \$10, or 5 days' imprisonment, and ask him to enter into his own recognisance for his good behaviour.

Defendant assured his Worship that he would never trouble him again.

His Worship hoped he would not.

#### STRONG LANGUAGE.

Frank Hutchings, a butcher, residing in Wellington Street, appeared on a summons for having indulged in "strong language" towards an Abdulah Fakera, a clerk employed by Mr Hing Koo. The use of the emphatic expressions—which related to the birth, parentage, and general appearance of the complainant—rendered the unguarded defendant subject to a penalty of \$2, in default 2 days' imprisonment. This wordy warfare occurred on the 8th instant.

### China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

We have received several letters, asking if any steps are being, or are intended to be, taken by the American portion of the community to give General Grant a public welcome on his arrival in Shanghai. The period of the distinguished General's coming (it being presumably certain that he intends visiting Shanghai) need not be exactly known, we presume we shall be correct in saying that it would be yet premature to indulge in anticipations of "high jinks"—though it may not be wrong to think that when the "conqueror in a thousand fights" comes within hail, he will be welcomed with all that warmth of feeling which the Anglo-Saxon race of both sides the Atlantic know so well how to show.

We call attention to the notice in another

column from Bishop di Mazzogotta respecting the horrible sufferings the people are still enduring in the famine-stricken districts in the North. The description is simply heartrending, and the end of the misery seems far distant. Who is responsible for stopping the Home subscriptions? To whom is due the assertion, made months ago, that the famine was at an end? How many thousands of lives have since been lost? The questions re-open themselves—What is now to be done? Who is to do it? Who will remedy this grave error? It is all very well to say, Let the Chinese Government take care of its own poor—let the Chinese help themselves! But when it is considered what the teaching of the Christian religion at the call of charity is, to say nothing of the motives which bring foreigners of nearly all Western nationalities to this far-distant land, is it too much to ask, even in the face of dire distress at Home, that steps shall again be taken to relieve the death some among the poor helpless wretches who are in this moment perishing in this land for want of food? [A correspondent elsewhere in our contemporary columns suggests that the distress in England ought to command our first care for the present.—Ed. C. M.]

### Japan.

(Mail, Feb. 22.)

The *Choya Shimbun*, referring to Mr Matsuda's mission to the Loo Choo Islands, says that the King was sick at the time of the visit, and that all the business done was transacted between the Envoy and a Prince Iko. About ten thousand families, descended from Chinese immigrants, and living upon one of the islands, are said to retain a strong predilection for the land of their origin. Some of their forefathers fought bravely against Shimadzu Yoshihisa, when he invaded the island in 1609. When the people of Chinese descent heard of Matsuda's visit and its object they strenuously opposed the discontinuance of sending tribute to the Celestial empire. The *Choya*, however, holds that it is not only these villages but all the islanders who yearn for the Chan Chan. It is added that copies of the letter said to have been addressed, by the Loo Chooan Commissioners in Tokio, to the foreign Ministers, were distributed through the islands by order of the *Hancho*.

The *Herald* understands that an action will shortly come before the British Court here, arising out of the fire at the late Yokohama Hotel, which was destroyed some weeks ago, the agent of the company in which it was insured refusing to pay the amount.

Matsumoto Bunkichi, the well-known member of the race course at Negishi, has been condemned to ten years' penal servitude for lending a room to Chinamen for the purpose of smoking opium therein. The case was proved by several of the Kanagawa Ken policemen; and, further, the accused is said to have confessed his guilt at the Bluff Police Station. The sentence will appear to foreigners to be out of all proportion to the magnitude of the offence; but it was provided for by a law, the object and stern intention of which is that opium shall not be allowed to be smoked by any subject of the empire, or any one amenable to its jurisdiction. The culprit in this case being a Japanese, has been treated with exemplary severity, with the view, probably, of deterring any of his compatriots from following his example, and as a warning to those who indulge in similar practices to desist before they are discovered. Some Chinese, who from time to time had the vice brought home to them, were, before the arrival of a judicial representative of their nation, occasionally sentenced to comparatively short terms of imprisonment.

We trust that Mr Bunkichi may be fortunate enough to have his penalty mitigated. At the same time it is to be supposed that he was aware that the law of the land was being infringed by him; and that he was not ignorant of the risks that he was incurring in a transaction upon which he no doubt entered with a view rather to his own profit than to the practice of benevolence.

It must not be forgotten that certain offences which in European countries are visited with severe punishment—penalties which an Asiatic no doubt thinks barbarous or absurd—are barely considered criminal in another continent; yet none the less have those who perpetrate them to expiate them painfully.

Politically everything is quiet. Even the movements of Itagaki now excite but a languid interest. He has been delivering lectures in Shikoku, and is accompanied by Kataoka—he who signed the famous Rishisha memorial—and other members of the Rishisha. The ex-Sangi is expected to be in Osaka next month for the purpose of holding a second meeting of Aikokusha, a society similar in its aims and objects to the Rishisha. What is mostly discussed is the matter of representative institutions; and Itagaki is said to compare his mission as one to prepare the people for them, and to hasten their introduction.

We hear that the works on the Otan extension of the Kobe-Kioto railway are being vigorously proceeded with, and matters are in such a forward state that it is hoped the line may be opened for traffic as far as the Kioto end of the Otan tunnel by September next, or even earlier. Tunnelling is going on in a very satisfactory manner, and the fears that were entertained when the excavation was begun that the rock was likely to be of a very hard nature are not, we learn, likely to be realized. The total length of the tunnel will be 740 yards, and as about one-third has already been cut through it is expected that the line will be in complete working order as far as the Lake by next spring. It is in contemplation by the authorities to further extend the line from Tokio to Takasaka in Joshiu, a portion of the internal loan has been already set aside to defray the expenses of this undertaking.

From the *Hogo News* we learn that a fire broke out at a Match Factory connected with the Higo Jai at Sakatomura, on Monday afternoon, at the 17th instant. In a very short time the premises were a smoking mass of embers. One of the engines of our local brigade was quickly on the spot, but its services were not required and nothing was done, save thanks to the energy of the native firemen and the police, who were present in force, the fire was subdued in a very few minutes. We regret to hear that two men were rather seriously hurt and seven others more or less injured. Two of the convicts employed at the Factory managed to effect their escape in the confusion, leaving their uniform behind. The prisoners as a body behaved remarkably well, and those who were employed in helping to extinguish the flames laboured willingly and diligently. The cause of the fire is said to have been the ignition of a chemical used in the manufacture of the matches.

The *Nishin Kwan* will shortly sail for Amoy and the northern ports of China. She is expected to be away about eight months on the voyage.

On the 19th instant, 40 soldiers of the Imperial Guard were presented with medals, for their services during the late war. The ceremony of presentation took place on the drill ground in Hibiya.

On the 19th instant, the Naval Department presented the petty officers of the fleet, with medals for meritorious services. On the 16th February, Messrs. Shibasawa, Masuda, Okura and eight other forwarded an application to the authorities for permission to establish the Dollar Exchange Office in Yokohama, with a capital of 100,000 yen.

It is stated that the Industrial Bureau have received about 200 specimens of manufactured silk, procured by the Commission at the Paris Exhibition, and that these will be sent to the silk weaving establishment in Joshiu, as samples for manufacturing purposes.

### THE POLICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We reproduce the remaining portion of the Report of the Legislative Council Committee on Police and Crime:—

#### EUROPEAN DETECTIVES.

14.—For a like reason the Committee have grave doubts as to the wisdom of telling off, in addition to the Inspector, two European Sergeants for the sole purpose of performing detective duties. They think that, valuable as their detective services may occasionally prove, men of their rank would be still better employed and more properly performing the functions of their rank in supervising sections. If it is necessary to tell off Europeans specially for detective service, it would be better that the men selected should hold the rank of Constables who might receive, when thought desirable, some extra pay.

With reference to the subject of this and the preceding paragraph the Committee would add that, in their opinion, no Constable ought to be withdrawn from his ordinary duties for, at any rate, more than a mere temporary purpose without the sanction of the Executive.

#### SUGGESTED INCREASE IN THE STRENGTH OF THE FORCE.

15.—Both Mr Deane and Mr Creagh consider the strength of that portion of the Police Force which is employed on land, as decidedly too low, and would like to see it increased by about a hundred men. (pp. 16 and 49.) It has been pointed out to the Committee that the population of the city has been greatly augmented within the last few years, that British Kowloon has but quite recently sprung into importance, and that the Police "have not increased by any means in proportion to the value of the property." True as all this is, the Committee yet feel great hesitation in recommending the suggested addition. They are no advocates of an unwise economy, and they fully recognise the vital importance of maintaining the force in a high state of efficiency as an instrument for the prevention of crime, and the preservation of order. But on the other hand they cannot lose sight of the heavy expenditure involved in keeping up the force at its present standard, and of the extreme undesirability of permanently extending any burden on the finances of the Colony in this direction.

They think, by the redistribution of its strength which they have recommended, by a careful economy in the employment of its material, especially in the case of Europeans, and by attention to one or two suggestions to be presently made, that the force, if kept to its existing authorised standard, may become fairly adequate to the needs of the Colony. That the city is insufficiently guarded at night, however, the Committee have already given as their opinion, and it follows that, if the two-thirds system cannot, after fair trial, be successfully worked, an increase of strength will be required.

#### PROBABLE DECREASE IN THE WATER POLICE THROUGH INTRODUCTION OF STEAM LAUNCHES.

16.—The recent introduction of Police steam-launches which, in guarding the harbour and the valuable property situated on the foreshore, will certainly prove of the highest possible service (pp. 70, 74), will also permit the reduction of the numbers of the Water Police without risk of impairing its efficiency. The decrease, whatever it may amount to, thus effected on the one hand, should be met by an equivalent increase in the strength of the land force.

#### RECRUITING EUROPEANS.

17.—The Committee regard it as a matter of importance that the strength of the European portion of the police should never be allowed to fall, more than can possibly be avoided, below its authorised standard. The system of recruiting men in England has worked well (p. 4) and ought not to be disturbed, but in practice, it seems to have the drawback of not affording a very ready or at any rate speedy means of filling up the places of Constables which become vacant from unforeseen causes. It has always been the plan to send home for men in batches, which is doubtless the best, if not the only one practicable under the circumstances. In the meantime, until their arrival, the force has, it seems, occasionally to remain somewhat seriously below its proper complement. When such a difficulty as this arises, it may be prudent to meet it by recruiting a few Europeans to be employed in the Water Police, from the sea-faring population. Inspector Grimes says that "there are always good men to be taken from the Sailors' Home if care is taken," and that "he would very much like to get a dozen of them for the steam-launches, because the men from home don't know much about it." He describes the men obtainable by these means as "good, young, hardy sailors, third and fourth officers, who would be very glad to join the Police and who would turn out splendid Police men with a little training, men of education too." If Inspector Grimes is right in thinking that such men are in the market, it would obviously be good policy and sound economy to secure their services when the necessity arises. The Committee further think that where men so recruited are received into the force with undoubtedly good characters, they should be paid at the same rate from the beginning as those obtained at home.

#### PENSIONS.

18.—The Committee have had under their consideration certain papers relating to the subject of pensions and gratuities to time-expired Chinese Constables. A decision of His Excellency the Governor not to allow a pension due to a man under section 12 of Ordinance 9 of 1862 to be commuted for a gratuity, led to a numerously-signed and somewhat seriously worded petition

being presented to him by Chinese Constables praying that at the expiration of their terms of service they might receive gratuities in lieu of pensions.

The Committee do not think it would be good policy or for the benefit of the men to accede to this prayer, at any rate in the wholesale way demanded. Individual instances will probably occur, as for example, where great difficulty might be experienced by the Constable owing to the distance or remoteness of his contemplated future residence, in drawing his pension, where such a request might be properly granted. But the Committee doubt whether there would be many instances in which arrangements could not be made to pay their pensions to absent persons; and where this could be managed, they think that men should not be exposed to the risk of losing, or still worse, of anticipating their gratuities, which people in their class of "to inevitably run."

The existing pension rules for the Police Force strike the Committee as being conceived, with regard to the period of service required for the earning of a retiring allowance, in somewhat too liberal a spirit. For the present members of the Force of course it would be manifestly unfair to alter; but future recruits might well be called upon, under ordinary circumstances, to serve at least 15 years of their pensions.

The scale of pay for men of all nationalities is now excellent, and there is no reason why they should not save more out of it, and so in the event of their wishing to retire from the Force before their pensions are earned, be able to do so with something to the good. But the Committee doubt the policy of holding out inducements to men, young or in the prime of life, to leave the Force at a time when their service should have become most valuable. These observations equally apply to Europeans and Indians as to Chinese.

#### DISTRICT WATCHMEN.

19.—That useful Chinese contingent known as the "District Watchmen" may be the Committee think, so deals with as to render a more direct and efficient aid to the police than it does at present. These watchmen being more than half supported by voluntary subscriptions collected through the Registrar-General's Department from Chinese residents, should not, however, be interfered with in the manner of their employment without the consent of the subscribers. There are 48 of these watchmen in all, six of whom are head watchmen and the remainder constables. Their duties extend over six districts (App. Table E. p. v.), which they guard on methods of their own, each district being independent of any other, and it being left to each head-watchman to superintend his own district, to post his men, and fix the hours of duty according to "his own ideas." (p. 8.) They seem to be, as a rule, divided into three watches, one half of the constables attached to each district being on duty from 6 p.m. to midnight, and the other half from midnight to 6 a.m. Those who were on duty from 6 p.m. to midnight have to go on again from noon next day to 6 p.m., and there is no duty from 6 a.m. to noon, "because the Police Constables can protect the place in the morning without the District Watchmen." (Evidence of Sung Hui, p. 81.)

20.—The management and control of this body of men is nominally in the hands of the Registrar-General, to whom, in the first instance, they make their reports, but in practice "they are left very much to manage themselves after their own fashion." (p. 61.) On the whole this arrangement has worked very well, and in certain directions the force has done excellent service. (p. 49.)

21.—The Committee, however, agree with Mr Deane and Mr Creagh that it would be more in accordance with the fitness of things if these men were under the management of the Police Department rather than that of the Registrar-General (pp. 40 and 58.) Such a change, however, should not be effected without the consent of the subscribers, and in making it, care should be taken to preserve the distinctive characteristics of the force, and not to interfere with the methods in vogue in the selection of the men, their disposition throughout the different districts, their uniform, pay, and the like. But it doubtless would be a great advantage if the Police Authorities were placed in such relations with the District Watchmen as to be in a position to treat them as supplementary to the General Force in certain neighbourhoods. The idea of the Committee is that these men, having regard to their age, training, &c., would be more profitably employed by day than by night; and if the Chinese subscribers should happen to see no objection to the course, it is recommended that the men should be confined exclusively to day duties, so that the deficiency caused in the General Force by day, by the withdrawal of two-thirds for night duties, might thus be partly filled up within the City. The Head Watchman of No. 4 District who was examined by the Committee, thought this plan, when placed before him by the Chairman, "very good indeed."

### Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

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Nov.	8, Jan Peter,	Maasland
21, Fulda,	Hamburg	
29, Rosalie,	Cardiff	
Dec.	13, Blenheim,	Flushing
21, Kong See (s.),	London	
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CHUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRY, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**

**INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER**

**of His Majesty King George The First,**

**A. D. 1720.**

**THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—**

**Marine Department.**  
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

**Fire Department.**  
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

**Life Department.**  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF**

**MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

**ESTABLISHED 1824.**

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 "

Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "

Annual Income £ 250,000 "

**THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.**

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

**SWISS LLOYD**

**TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.**

**THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have this Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant Insurances on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.**

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

**THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**THE Underigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.**

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.**

**ESTABLISHED 1809.**

**CAPITAL £2,000,000.**

**THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.**

GILMAN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**THE Underigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.**

MELOHRS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

**Section.**  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	7	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Hollow	K'loon Dock
Alice	7	Noyes	Ger. str.	850	Mar. 1	Rozario & Co.	South Sea Island	put back 17th, 3 p.m.
Bombay	5	Meyer	Brit. str.	2652	Feb. 26	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Yama & S. Fisco	
Fame	1	Stopani	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
Geelong	6	Fraser	Brit. str.	1139	Mar. 11	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	Tug Flying Mails, 15th
Hindustan	5	Gardner	Brit. str.	991	Mar. 10	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	18th, 3 p.m.
Killarney	6	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	Feb. 26	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Port Darwin	
Memnair	4	Darke	Brit. str.	2000	Mar. 6	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	18th, noon
Norna	3	Hyde	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong		
Pernambuco	5	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	Mar. 12	Melchers & Co.	Salgon	
Sea Gull	8	Lamont	Amer. str.	43	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Thales	8	Lamont	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 6	Douglas Laprak & Co.		K'loon Dock
Thingalla	4	Molten	Dan. str.	1577	Mar. 6	Meyer & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	18th, 3 p.m.
Venice	5	Rhodes	Brit. str.	1271	Mar. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Coast Ports	14th, daylight
Yesso	5	S. Ashton	Brit. str.	559	Mar. 10	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Zephyr	1	Heuer	Brit. str.		*****	Russell & Co.		
Sailing Vessels								
Abbie N. Franklin	7	Hovos	Amer. bge.	460	Mar. 6	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Alden Beane	4	Noyes	Amer. bge.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		
B. P. Watson	3	Hawkins	Amer. bge.	340	Jan. 25	Butterfield & Swire	San Francisco	
Beethoven	4	Haje	Ger. bge.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.	London	Cleared
Black Hawk	8	Boylan	Amer. sh.	1126	Jan. 13	Vogel & Co.		
Black Watch	4	Kennish	Brit. bge.	401	Dec. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Catherine Marden	4	Marden	Brit. S.m.s.	287	Feb. 22	Captain Russell & Co.	Callao	Cleared
Charmer	4	Lucas	Amer. sh.	1833	Jan. 8	Melchers & Co.		
Christina A.P.	3	Capra	Nic. S.m.s.	173	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Cilurum	7	Beadle	Brit. sh.	1886	Mar. 9	Messageries Maritimes		
Cocona	8	Hall	Amer. sch.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	Portland (Oregon)	
Coloma	4	Hall	Amer. bge.	853	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.		
Craigie Lea	7	Winter	Brit. bge.	622	Mar. 1	Butterfield & Swire	Salgon	
Deux Freres	8	Chansen	Foh. bge.	357	Feb. 8	Landstein & Co.		
Elizabeth Childs	1	Lindbergh	Ger. bge.	891	Mar. 3	Wieler & Co.		
Formosa	8	Lucas	Ger. bge.	282	Feb. 6	Melchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	At'een Dock
Forward	2	Vandevord	Brit. bge.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.		
Friedrich	4	Bertelsen	Ger. S.m.s.	295	Mar. 8	Wieler & Co.		
Golden Fleece	3	Wiltshire	Brit. bge.	893	Mar. 10	Gilman & Co.		
Golden Rule	4	Lewis	Amer. sh.	1185	Mar. 7	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Harlehurst	8	Goudey	Brit. bge.	877	Jan. 15	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Herbert Black	4	Treat	Amer. bge.	873	Jan. 19	Vogel & Co.	Callao	
Highlander	4	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1852	June 19	Meyer & Co.		
Invisible	4	Strickland	Amer. sh.	849	Feb. 14	Melchers & Co.		
James Shepherd	5	Madden	Brit. bge.	242	Mar. 8	Wieler & Co.		
Johann Friedrich	3	Kroncke	Ger. bge.	504	Feb. 13	Carlowitz & Co.	Salgon	K'loon Dock
Julie	7	Lannay	Frch. bge.	751	Feb. 17	Edvard Schellham & Co.	Salgon	
Large	7	Dever	Brit. bge.	473	Jan. 13	Order	Takao & Yokohama	Coast Dock
Lota	1	Brachwaldt	Brit. bge.	858	Mar. 10	Wieler & Co.		
Marco Polo	1	McKeon	Brit. bge.	500	Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.		
Marquis of Argyll	8	Dawes	Amer. sh.	1185	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Matchless	1	Michaelson	Slam. bge.	570	Dec. 10	Chinese		
Morning Star	1	Bradford	Amer. bge.	741	Feb. 23	Meyer & Co.		
Nehemiah Gibson	8	Bisse	Ger. bge.	302	Feb. 23	Siemssen & Co.		
Papa	4	Ohlman	Amer. bge.	1133	Feb. 23	Butterfield & Swire		
Penobscot	7	Remington	Brit. bge.	549	Feb. 20	Melchers & Co.		
Penrit	4	Holmes	Amer. sh.	1361	Mar. 9	Captain Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Republio	8	Taylor	Amer. bge.	586	Jan. 26	Vogel & Co.	Portland	
Stilman B. Allen	4	Bartlett	Amer. bge.	1102	Dec. 26	Russell & Co.	London	
Stonewall Jackson	4	Miller	Brit. bge.	1159	Dec. 17	Vogel & Co.		
Stracathro	4	Millar	Brit. bge.	500	Dec. 21	Captain Russell & Co.		
Strathmore	4	Hensworth	Brit. bge.	943	Jan. 8	Vogel & Co.	London	
Sumaride	4	Tobiasen	Norw. sh.	943	Jan. 8	Russell & Co.		
Sumatra	3	Clough	Amer. sh.	1080	Sept. 10	Vogel & Co.		K'loon Dock
Sydenham	4	Miller	Brit. sh.	1068	Jan. 6	Russell & Co.		
Thos. A. Goddard	4	Smith	Amer. bge.	682	Jan. 23	Russell & Co.	New York	
Thomas Fletcher	3	Canderton	Amer. bge.	645	Feb. 23	Captain De Tye Hong		
Three Brothers	2	Kahlke	Brit. bge.	367	Feb. 24			
Wandering Minstrel		Stewerwright	Brit. bge.	362	Feb. 17	Captain		Sands' Dock
WHAMPOA								
Johann Schmidt		Bösch	Ger. bge.	433	Mar. 10	Melchers & Co.		
Tartar		Kaemna	Ger. bg.	256	Mar. 11	Melchers & Co.		
CANTON								
Amoy		Dreves	Brit. str.	814	Mar. 9	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	